Device for Stalling Rail Disasters

1978. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned 'Smart gadget to avert rail crashes', as appeared in the media;

(b) whether such a tiny electronic device for stalling rail disasters could be feasible for Indian railways; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (c) The news-item appears to be pertaining to an equipment for checking track defects and the equipment is perhaps mounted on axle. We are, however, not aware of existence of any such equipment. Nobody has approached the Railways with any technical literature on the subject.

Ring Railway in Nagpur

1979. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have received proposal for construction of Ring Railway at Nagpur to ease traffic problem;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) reaction of the Railways thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, a reference with respect to 'Requirement of Ring Railway at Nagpur' had been received from Hon'ble M.P. Shri Vilas Muttemwar. The letter was duly acknowledged. Further action can be taken only if a concrete proposal is received from the State Government.

Development of Anand Vihar as Terminal

1980. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he, in his budget speech, had announced and also made budgetary provision for developing Anand Vihar as terminal to decongest Delhi/New Delhi stations;

(b) if so, the details of the proposed terminal including platforms, stabling lines, washing yard, approach roads, estimated cost and time frame of completion of the work;

(c) what progress has so far been made in this regard;

(d) whether it is a fact that the work has not been started, so far, despite budgetary allocation; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and action taken to expedite the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scope of works envisages construction of 3 platforms, 2 washing lines and 3 stabling lines alongwith other necessary service buildings and infrastructure. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 85 crore and is targeted to be completed within 5 years subject to availability of funds.

(c) Detailed survey of the entire land has been conducted, master plan of terminal facilities developed and detailed estimate sanctioned. The tender for appointing architectural/design consultant for designing terminal facilities, station building and circulating area has been processed.

(d) No, Sir. The work was sanctioned in 2003-04 and necessary preliminary works of detailed survey, finalisation of scheme and sanction of detailed estimate completed.

(e) Does not arise.

Linking of Agartala-Dhaka-Kolkata by Rail

1981. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have any immediate plan to link Agartala-Dhaka-Kolkata by rail;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) No, Sir.